

Appl. No. 10/667,014
Amendment dated April 5, 2006
Response to Office Action of February 9, 2006

Remarks/Arguments

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of February 9, 2006.

This Amendment amends claim 31 to correct an obvious error; namely, that each winding has different portions that are arranged adjacent the concave, convex and end surfaces of the associated segment (not winding).

The present Amendment accompanies a Notice of Appeal of claims 31 and 34-37, and simply amends independent claim 31 in a minor way to correct the obvious error. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is expressly authorized by 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, which provides in pertinent part:

**"§ 1.116 Amendments and Affidavits or Other Evidence After
Final Rejection and Prior to Appeal**

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(b) After a final rejection . . . but before or on the same date of filing an appeal (§ 41.31 or § 41.61 of this Title):

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(2) An amendment presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal may be admitted."

Accordingly, Applicant requests that this amendment be entered so as to present the claims in better form for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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